



## *Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois*

### May 2011 Newsletter

#### Bryan Elliott Arrives This Sunday

This Sunday we are celebrating the arrival of Bryan Elliott to the senior ministry of our church. He will preach at both the 8am and 10am services with an extended fellowship time after the 10am service with refreshments.

As part of our welcoming efforts, we are doing something really special (unbeknownst to them) to help Bryan and Teresa get acquainted with your favorite places in the community. If you need more details, please call Pip or the church office.

Bryan arrives this week, moving into the office on Friday. Thank you to those of you who will be helping! He will be staying in a hotel for 2 weeks by himself before Teresa arrives and it is so nice of all of you to welcome him into your homes for dinner. Once Teresa arrives many of you will be bringing them dinner. If you want more information, please contact Ann Irving.

We are anticipating Teresa and Bryan moving into their new home tentatively on May 13th and that's when they could really use help unloading the moving van. If you are available to help, please contact Pip Gledhill.

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**Congratulations to Chris for receiving a full fellowship to pursue his DMA at Northwestern University next year!**



**REVIVE! &  
ALIVE!**

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#### Church Email Addresses

Bryan Elliott's email address will be:  
[Bryan@CCCLincolnshire.org](mailto:Bryan@CCCLincolnshire.org)

The church office email address will be changing to:  
[Office@CCCLincolnshire.org](mailto:Office@CCCLincolnshire.org)

This previous church email address will be forwarded for awhile, but please make the changes in your directories and address books.

#### ***SAVE THESE DATES***

***July 10-15***  
***CCC Mission Trip***  
***October 1, 2011***  
***CCC Garage Sale***

# Bryan's Bits

In February when Teresa and I flew up here to meet you and you us, we had some flight set backs! (Flying has it's challenges during the winter!!) We were put on another Airline because of some problems with our reservations. Our arrival was delayed and we were very disappointed by the inconvenience, yet we (mostly me because Teresa is much wiser than I am) have learned that God works within all the details of our lives when we trust in Him and are faithful to Him. God often turns disappointments into blessings and this occasion was no different. While we were very close to O'Hare the flight attendant, who was very personable and engaging, asked us what brought us to Chicago during winter? We told him that we were here for my second face to face interview and my fourth interview after three phone interviews; he looked at me and said, "You're a pastor aren't you?" I said that I was and asked how he knew. He said, "Churches like to interview you often and that is a good thing. Because you are not really seeking a job but a calling and being called as a pastor is more like a marriage relationship."

For Teresa and me that conversation with the flight attendant was a God moment and in many ways it has stood as a confirmation for what has become the beginning of what we hope will be a long and loving "marriage." And marriage is something that causes me to reminisce - Teresa and I have been married almost 30 years. I remember how much we loved each other in the beginning of our marriage as Newlyweds. We had the usual newly married ups and downs - getting used to each other and talking through our individual expectations and working toward being one in heart and becoming "one flesh." Our goal has been to always keep the lines of communication open and never let our anger stop us from caring for one another because our most important goal is our relationship with each other lived out in our relationship with Christ. Teresa and I have made it our goal for our children to see us love one another in all that we do and say. It has not always been perfect, no relationship is, but we have always hung in there and shown love in our daily actions. In relationships depth comes with time, commitment and stubborn love. Over the years Teresa and I have suffered losses and have joyously embraced gains; we have added to our love by expanding our family with the birth of our children and even though we have experienced a myriad of various emotions, set backs and conflicts, we have grown closer and I can tell you that I love Teresa more today and with more depth and appreciation than I ever could imagine.

Marriage - becoming one in heart and mind. It is my prayer that in the time to come we will learn to communicate well and share our hearts with one another. And that our goal be that of Christ Jesus - "that my church will be one . . ." Teresa and I are excited to embark in this "marriage" journey with you! Thank you for welcoming us and showing us such warm hospitality. It has meant so much to us and has truly touched our hearts. Blessings and see you Sunday!

~ Bryan

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## Upcoming Events

- 5/1 Ministries Council
- 5/7 Men's Breakfast, 8am
- 5/7 Outdoor Workday - David Thoensen's Eagle Scout Project
- 5/8 Discipleship Sunday  
Baptism Ceremony, 5:30pm  
Dinner to Follow
- 5/11 Soup Kitchen, 4pm
- 5/13,14 Women's Retreat
- 5/29 Sports Shed CCC Drive Ends

*Youth Activities are listed on page 5*

## Ongoing Events

Worship Services - Sundays, 8 & 10am  
 Café 920 - Sundays, 9:20am  
 Youth Group Meetings - Sundays, 11:30am  
 Soup Kitchen - 2nd Wednesday, 4pm  
 Choir Practice - Wednesdays, 7pm  
 Men's Breakfast - 1st Saturday, 8am  
 Women's Coffee Break - 2nd Saturday, 8am  
 (Retreat in lieu of meeting this month)

## Upcoming Sermons

- 5/1 Restless and Ready to Shout!  
Matthew 3:1-12
- 5/8 Back to Basics!  
Colossians 1:15-28;
- 5/15 Out of the Shadows!  
Colossians 2:6-19
- 5/22 Hindsight is 20/20!  
Colossians 3:1-11



Please join us for the  
 2011 CCC women's retreat  
 May 13- 14!

### LOCATION:

Illinois State Beach in Zion,  
 Illinois

### SCHEDULE:

Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: dinner and  
 evening session beginning  
 at approximately 6pm.

Women staying at hotel can check in as early as 3pm.

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: continental breakfast, outdoor  
 group prayer and meditation, book discussion and group  
 activity, ending with lunch

### COST:

Friday night only: \$12

Friday & Saturday, no hotel: \$54

Saturday only: \$43

Full retreat package with hotel:

1 person: \$150

2 per room: \$102

3 per room: \$86

4 per room: \$78

Book to be discussed: The 5 Love Languages by Dr. Gary Chapman. Dr. Chapman worked as a marriage counselor for more than thirty years. He discovered that we speak one of five love languages. Which one is yours? We will look at how *your* love language, the language of your partner, your children, your friends, and your co-workers affects your relationships. What was the love language of Jesus? How does your own love language affect your relationship to God? These are some of the areas we will examine as we strive to deepen our connections to one another and to God.

This book is on the shelves in bookstores, available at libraries, and also available online for approximately \$8. It is a quick read and well worth the time you will put into it!

If you know your plans for the retreat – *even if you will not be able to attend* – please notify the church office as soon as possible. We need a minimum of 8 rooms reserved in order to benefit from this pricing.





## Are You Spring Cleaning?



### Do you have NEW or NEARLY NEW sporting equipment?

CCC Youth would like your help by donating your New or Nearly New sporting equipment to help The Sports Shed!!!! The Sports Shed is a non-profit organization whose goal is to put quality sports equipment in the hands of under-resourced kids. We collect new and gently used sports equipment and distribute to organizations who provide sports programs for kids in need.

The collection drive at CCC will be between  
April 10 - May 29.

Please bring your *NEW* and *NEARLY NEW* sporting equipment to church or drop off during church office hours: M-F, 9a-1p



Check out the Sports Shed  
on the web:

[www.thesportshed.org](http://www.thesportshed.org)

Sports equipment that will benefit The Sport Shed:

basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, baseballs,  
softballs, volleyballs, mitts, bats, helmets, tennis  
racquets & balls and more!



## Eagle Scout Project

Are you looking for something fun and meaningful to do?

If so please come and help me with my  
Eagle Scout Project as I rebuild a playground  
to benefit the community and church.

All help is appreciated, for any amount of time!

Work days: Saturday, April 30th

Saturday, May 7th

Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Place: **Community Christian Church**  
1970 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire

What: We will be working outside to rebuild  
the playground, mulching, cleaning,  
cutting down trees and more! Please  
bring work gloves and dress  
accordingly as you may get dirty.

Food: Breakfast and Lunch  
will be provided!



**Thank you!**

### 2 Work Days at the Church

We have two work days coming up - Saturdays  
April 30 and May 7, both starting at 9am, and we  
need your help with one or both of them. On the  
first work day, this Saturday, April 30, we will be  
loading wood chips into wheel barrows and  
spreading them on planting beds around the church  
property. After we are done with that, we will help  
with David Thoensen, Jr.'s Eagle Scout project of  
enlarging the church playground and  
replacing its border timbers. Bring  
work gloves and, if you have one, a  
wheel barrow.



On Saturday, May 7, we will be  
helping with the finishing of David Thoensen's Eagle  
Scout project. This will also include  
transporting wood chips in wheel  
barrows. In addition, we will do our  
normal Spring window cleaning, if you  
prefer indoor work. To do this, bring a  
small bucket, a  
sponge and clean, dry rags. We  
will supply the cleaning  
solution.

Please plan on helping us  
one or both of these days.  
Thank you.





# CCC Youth Page

## CCC Youth Mission:

"To gather as friends in a fun, safe environment  
to share stories and learn how to center our lives on Christ."

# ALIVE!

5<sup>TH</sup> ~ 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

# REVIVE!

9<sup>TH</sup> through 12<sup>TH</sup> Graders



## Easter Egg Hunt

It did not rain on CCC's parade!!

Thanks to the creativity of the Thoensen and Newberg families, we hosted about 200 people at our indoor Egg Hunt & Carnival. We raised over \$400 for our Mission Trip and I'm pretty sure everyone had a great time.

Thank you!



## May Schedule

4/30	9-2	Eagle Scout Project
5/1	11:30-12:30	Minute-to-Win-it Games
5/7	9-2	
5/8		No Youth Group - Enjoy Your Moms!
5/15	11:30-12:30	Minute-to-Win-it Games
5/22	11:30	Year End Party at Hogan's House
6/11	3-9	Feed My Starving Children
6/21	6-10	Bonfire



## *Sunday School Workshop Rotation for 2011*

# Test of Faith

May – Jonah

Throughout the scriptures people faced many challenges to their faith. From Adam and Eve to you and me, there are times when we do well and live in ways that are pleasing to God. At other times we find ourselves in need of God's grace because we have missed the mark. Through the stories of faith we learn that God's grace is always extended to us.



We are looking for Summer Sunday School teachers.  
Please contact the church office.

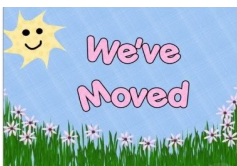


## CCC Clerk's Report

Alice became a member of CCC. A formal welcome to you, Alice, yet you and your family have been a huge part of the CCC family for years!



## CCC Directory Update



## Thank You, Nelson

With Bryan starting as our senior minister on May 1<sup>st</sup>, your term as our interim minister comes to a close. How fortunate we have been to have you for the past year and a half. You unhesitatingly stepped in on practically a full-time basis, and that has been a wonderful blessing to this church and all of us in it.

Nelson, you have,

- ♦preached and led worship every Sunday
- ♦taught the annual discipleship class
- ♦provided the ministerial leadership to our youth program
- ♦met with and provided ministerial guidance to our committees and boards
- ♦provided untold pastoral counseling to many of us
- ♦supervised the church staff
- ♦and many, many things of which we are not aware

Your leadership has provided essential stability and continuity as we went through the long search process. Nelson, we appreciate your time and your commitment to this church and to each of us. We will be forever grateful. Ann, you have supported your beloved through all of this and our sincerest thanks and appreciation go to you as well - thank you!

We will be celebrating Nelson's efforts at CCC during the 10am service on May 15, please make this part of your Sunday!





## National Day of Prayer ~ May 5

*"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:2*

Once again, American Family Association is joining the National Day of Prayer Task Force for the 60th annual observance of the **National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5, 2011**, where you and I join with government leaders and people in communities all around the country to lift our needs and concerns for America before the Lord.

Now more than ever before, it is imperative that we as God's people remain on our knees for our nation and fellow citizens. The critical challenges facing the United States and the culture at large call for faithful, persevering intercession - not only on the National Day of Prayer, but throughout the year.

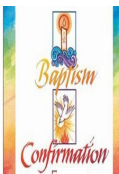
There are many ways you can get involved:

- Plan an event in your community
- Find/Participate in an event in your community
- Connect with volunteers in your area
- Request free devotionals
- Download prayer resources
- Join the Online Prayer Rally
- Sign-up for weekly prayer tips via email

To learn more, visit

[www.NationalDayofPrayer.org](http://www.NationalDayofPrayer.org).

## May 8 is Confirmation Sunday



Youth wishing to affirm their faith in Jesus Christ will do so at the close of worship Sunday, May 8th. Kallie, Ashley and Maddie have completed Confirmation/Discipleship Class which began Feb. 8th.

A service of Christian baptism will be held at the Arlington Heights Christian Church at 5:30pm followed by a special dinner back at CCC Friendship Hall.

Our church family is invited and encouraged to be a part of this wonderful evening, to support these young persons in their Christian journeys.

A dinner sign-up sheet is in Friendship Hall. Please respond so plans can be made.

## A Letter from our Regional Minister

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

With gratitude and joy, I'm writing to introduce you to your new Regional Elder. Rev. Bill Crowl will be serving Chicago Disciple Union North. Our goal is to have two Regional Elders per cluster. We, our Regional Elder group, decided to get started with the willing.

Rev. Crowl was commissioned by the Regional Board on March 26 to extend the ministry of care for Pastors and congregations. He will be visiting congregations, and calling on you to offer support and friendship in Christ. Please welcome him. Feel free to invite him to events at your congregation, as well.

I'm hopeful this is one more way we will strengthen the connections we have in Christ.

For more information see the [Regional Elder Covenant](#) on our website.

Peace be with you,

**Teresa**

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Regional Minister & President  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
in Illinois & Wisconsin  
Phone: 630-291-7651



## 2011 Birthday Dinner & Auction

On April 9, to date the warmest spring day of 2011, we enjoyed a wonderful Birthday Celebration at the White Deer Run Golf Club in Vernon Hills. Not only was it a grand social event, but the auction proceeds were \$14,195.59, exceeding our General Operating Fund objective of \$14,000.

The auction committee tried some new things this year, including the presale of some jewelry and restaurant gift cards, as well as post sales of sports memorabilia. We also revived some “old ideas” like Mystery Bags. The committee met for an evaluation before Easter and documented suggestions for improvement. We, however, need to hear from you. In a few weeks, after Bryan settles in, we are planning a survey. Until then, be thinking about the details as well as the big picture. . .everything from changing the date of the event to perhaps a different kind of fund raiser altogether for 2012.

Special thanks to Pip, Susan and Sue for helping with set up; Vicki for her help with the Raffle; Judy for her tireless energy in weekly communications, Perry and Sharon, our auctioneers; Jim for keeping our records straight; and Judy for the wonderful auction displays.

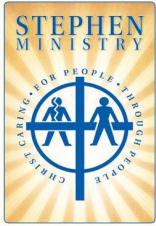
Thanks to all who attended, all who contributed and all who purchased auction items. Thirty six CCCers donated items and another 9 made a cash donation. Fifty one local area businesses also donated items. Please be sure to thank them:

Arlington Park Race Course  
Bank Financial  
Bernard Calibaut Chocolates  
Bertucci's Steak & Seafood  
Bob Chinn's Crab House  
Buffalo Wild Wings  
Brunswick Zone-Deerfield  
Brunswick Zone-Hawthorne  
Chalet Nursery  
Cheesecake Factory  
Chicago Architecture Foundation  
Chicago Bandits  
Chicago Rush  
Cookies By Design  
Cuneo Museum & Gardens  
Deerfield Park District  
Dover Straights  
eSkape Entertainment Center  
Go Roma  
Golf Galaxy  
Holidazzle  
Home Depot  
Homewood Suites by Hilton  
Jonathan's Portraits  
Kane County Cougars  
Kingston Mines

Lake County Fileders  
Lenscrafters  
Lincolnshire Academy of Dance  
Lincolnshire-Riverwoods F.P.D.  
Lou Malnati's Pizzeria  
Mariola's Organic Spa & Retreat  
Mariott's Lincolnshire Theater  
Massage Envy  
On The Border  
Opal Estiatorio  
Philly G's  
Popcorn Factory  
Prairie House Tavern  
Premier Salons  
Pump It Up  
RAM Restaurant & Brewery  
Relax The Back  
Ritual Salon & Day Spa  
Simon Lin's Asian Bistro  
Star Auto Authority  
Sweet Tomatoes  
Washington Gardens  
White Deer Run Golf Club  
Whole Foods Market  
Wine Discount Center







## Spring... ...Finally!

People who live in Illinois must be great believers. They believe warm weather will come, the flowers will bloom and there will actually be sunshine. Isn't it interesting that we can trust these things and somehow at times not trust in the love of God?

The bible is full of messages about God's love for each of us. And along with scripture, we also hear sermons and hymns touting the "Good News". Perhaps you are in a place in your life where the "message" isn't reaching you. If so, it would be a wise time to meet with a Stephen Minister.

Please call the church office to make the arrangements.

## Giggles...

A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect!"

"Really?" answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"

"Twelve thirty..."

## What This Church Means to Me

By Emily

This church means so much to me. This is a place I've been coming for years, ever since I was a little girl. These walls hold so many memories. I've slept on one of those pews. I've tripped and fallen in too-high heels in Friendship Hall. I've run up and down the basement steps. I remember being greeted every Sunday morning as a little kid by Mr. and Mrs. Grace. I have stood on the little steps at the front of the sanctuary and sang with my fellow Sunday School friends. I had water balloon fights outside during VBS. There was Kory's last sermon, where he got a standing ovation, and I cried in one of the front pews. And dragging myself to church at 10 am, but being cheered up by Nelson's phrase, which will always remain in my mind, "What a great day to be alive".

There are all these memories that will forever stay with me, and so much hasn't changed in this church, while so much has changed. We have lost ministers, we have done some remodeling, we have new carpet and new pew cushions, but most of the faces I see on Sunday mornings seem the same. I hear people complaining about this church being too small, and wanting more people to join our church family, but what we have right now is still pretty amazing. We've stuck together as a church family through so much, for so long. And I just want to say thank you for the memories and thanks for sticking together and I hope there will be many more memories to come.

I have a lot of hope and excitement for this new chapter in our church's history. I think welcoming Bryan into our church family to lead us will help us appreciate all that we have, and how far we've come. Bryan is giving us a new hope and a chance to make even more memories in this church, and I am so excited and grateful for that!

**D.K. PREACHER'S KIDS**

**BY DAVID AYERS**



# APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
■ MT Stock Sales 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
■ Welcome Bryan & Teresa! ■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11a Gather2Grow	■ 7p Troop 78	■ 7p Troop 78	7p Choir			■ 8a Men's Breakfast ■ 9a Thoensen Project
■ MT Stock Sales 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
■ Discipleship Sunday ■ Mother's Day ■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11a Gather2Grow ■ 5:30p Baptism Ceremony	■ 7p Troop 78	■ 7p Troop 78	■ 4p Soup Kitchen ■ 7p Choir		■ 5p Women's Retreat	■ SHS Prom ■ Women's Retreat
■ MT Stock Sales 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
■ Stephen Minister Commissioning ■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11a Gather2Grow	■ 7p Troop 78		■ 7p Choir			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
■ Mission Trip Stock Sales ■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship	■ 7p Troop 78		■ 7p Choir			
29	30	31				
■ Sports Shed Drive Ends ■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship	■ No School Memorial Day					